

Council Member Mike Sullivan's Newsletter

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Residents of District E,

I voted against Mayor White's budget on June 17th. Why? Several reasons, but primarily because we should not spend more than we take in. Another reason I voted "NO" was because I would not support cutting the number of police cadet classes AND police overtime. Cutting both is a recipe for disaster, and crime rates are sure to rise. We've seen evidence of that already; property crime has increased across my council district.

Recent news reports highlight Mayor White's budget estimate of about 25 million dollars short. Controller Parker says it's closer to 100 million dollars. I'm pushing for a full explanation and a true set of numbers. Trust me, I will stay on top of this important issue and will do all that I can to ensure that we only spend money on essential city services.

I will also fight to complete all current projects in my council district and to start all planned projects that serve our community. Why? Because I turned down a 19 million dollar project this year, which I called the "District E bridge to nowhere." The 19 million dollar project was my contribution to reduce the budget deficit and to set an example for other council members to follow. I refuse to spend more money than we take in, and I oppose government growth in excess of inflation and population growth.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Mike Sullivan
Council Member

Kingwood Fall Town Hall Meeting

Please join Council Member Sullivan and City of Houston departments on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 for a town hall meeting at 6:30 at Creekwood Middle School, 3603 Lake Houston Parkway.

After brief remarks, Council Member Sullivan will open up the floor to the audience so they will have the opportunity to voice their concerns and questions to him or the appropriate City of Houston department.

For more information please contact Karina Moreno at 832.393.3008.

Council Member Sullivan and HFD Chief Barry at KSA

Council Member Sullivan attended the Kingwood Service Association's monthly Public Safety meeting last month, and brought with him Houston Fire Department Assistant Chief Bill Barry. Chief Barry presented and explained several pieces of equipment that Council Member Sullivan purchased for HFD with his surplus budget funds from last year.

Chief Barry presented a K-12 saw, Cyanokit for smoke inhalation victims, a thermal imager and building materials for the HFD Training Academy.

Council Member Sullivan has worked closely with the Houston Fire Department, and this is the second year in a row that he has purchased equipment using his surplus office budget funds.



Council Member Mike Sullivan, HFD Assistant Chief Bill Barry and HPD Sr. Officer Chad Ferrell

Humble Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon with Speaker Congressman Ted Poe



Council Member Sullivan, Autumn Jodzio, Monica Aizpurua and Congressman Ted Poe

Council Member Sullivan, his Chief of Staff Monica Aizpurua, and North Sector Manager Autumn Jodzio all attended Humble Chamber of Commerce's August luncheon where Congressman Judge Ted Poe was the guest speaker. Council Member Sullivan sponsored a table of 10 which included his daughter and two staffers, Congressman Ted Poe's Field Representative Kim Brode, HFD District 102 Chief Randall Hartman, and active community members, Bud Lynch, Ted Mandel, Rita Daniels, and Ray Anderson. The Congressman spoke on several major current issues

The Humble Chamber also announced their new name, the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce, and recognized Council Member Sullivan as one of their newest board members.

Kingwood Library Construction Update

Construction on the new Kingwood Library is on schedule. A picture is provided of last month's progress and is published every month for residents to know what progress has been made.

To the right is a picture of the library as of August 3, 2009.

A hard hat tour for city officials, TIRZ directors and media is scheduled for September 29, 2009.

The new library is set to open in December this year.



Lakeshore Elementary Ribbon Cutting



On August 20th Humble Independent School District celebrated the opening of Lakeshore Elementary, the 25th elementary school in the district. To accommodate the growing demands of the community, Humble ISD added the additional school, which features a gifted-and-talented program, a computer lab and other accommodations that will enhance student learning.

Council Member Sullivan attended the elementary school's ribbon cutting and presented Principal Nancy Morrison with a special recognition certificate.

Lakeshore Elementary is located at 13333 Breakwater Ln.

Lake Houston Community Association Meeting

Council Member Mike Sullivan attended the Lake Houston Community Association's annual meeting to discuss traffic problems on King's Crossing Drive. Residents' primary concerns included cut through traffic, speeding, and motorists ignoring the posted stop signs. The Council Member had HPD Officer McKelroy, who heads the traffic division in Kingwood, with him to answer questions for the residents. Council Member Sullivan and Officer McKelroy both assured the residents that they would be working hard to get positive results in improving conditions on King's Crossing Drive.



Project Updates

- Dedicated right turn lanes have been approved for all directions at the intersection of Kingwood Drive and West Lake Houston Parkway.
- The new Kingwood Library will be complete by December.
- Designs are underway for a new community center, which will be located at the old library site.
- Widening of Northpark is under design. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2010.
- Concrete road repairs are nearly complete on all major thoroughfares.
- An additional \$289,000 has been secured for the Kingwood HPD substation for overtime program.

South Belt-Ellington Fall Town Hall Meeting

On September 3rd, Council Member Sullivan hosted the first of a series of fall town hall meetings. Residents of the South Belt-Ellington area were given the opportunity to present any questions, needs or suggestions they would like addressed in their community.

Constituent services are Council Member Sullivan's number one priority. It is extremely important to him to keep the lines of communication open at all times.

The next in the series of town halls is a regional flooding and drainage follow up meeting. The date has not been announced, but a notice will be published in the South Belt Ellington Leader as well as in the next edition of Council Member Sullivan's monthly newsletter.

HPD Telephone Road Storefront Reopens



Officer Sanchez, Council Member Sullivan and Sgt. Baltazar

After being closed to the public for 10 months due to Hurricane Ike damage, the Houston Police Department's Telephone Rd. Storefront reopened Wednesday, August 26th.

Council Member Sullivan and citizens had the opportunity to tour the newly remodeled storefront and meet with the officers, civilian employees and volunteers who work to keep the community safe.

The Telephone Rd. storefront is located at 10201 Telephone Rd. and is open from 10 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. For more information, please call 713.991.3504.

UPDATE: Dixie Gardens Apartment Complex

The developer of the proposed Dixie Gardens affordable housing project has withdrawn their application for state funding assistance due to a lack of local and state support.

In response to his constituent's concerns, Council Member Sullivan has held staunch opposition to this project and has worked with Senator Mike Jackson at the state level to deny approval of this project.

Project Updates

- Edgebrook construction is complete and now open.
- Sagemont Community Center design work is underway.
- Outdoor lighting for Law Park has been approved and will be installed in early 2010.
- South Shaver extension paving is planned to start in summer 2010. TXDOT will manage the project for the City of Houston.
- The new 12,000 square foot and LEED Silver certified J.S. Bracewell Library is set to open at the end of 2009.
- Monroe Road improvements are under construction and are set to be completed by Dec. 31, 2009.
- METRO has added additional bus trips to the afternoon Fuqua Park and Ride service.

Clear Lake Fall Town Hall

Council Member Sullivan would like to invite Clear Lake residents to his town hall meeting on September 29th at 6:30 pm in the Garden Room at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

After brief remarks, Council Member Sullivan will open up the floor to the audience so they will have the opportunity to voice their concerns and questions to him or the appropriate City of Houston department.

For more information, please contact Karina Moreno at 832.393.3008.

Council Member Sullivan Presents CCISD School Board with Proclamation



CCISD's School Board Directors and Council Member Sullivan

To congratulate and recognize Clear Creek Independent School District for their impressive State ratings given to them by the Texas Education Agency this year, Council Member Sullivan presented the School Board with a proclamation at their monthly meeting proclaiming August 24, 2009 as "Clear Creek Independent School District Day."

For the 12th year, CCISD received a "recognized" rating and all 38 of the schools received recognition as "exemplary" or "recognized," all the while, overcoming the reconstructive efforts following Hurricane Ike.

Congratulations to CCISD students and staff for their outstanding work!

CCISD Back to School Rally

Clear Creek Independent School District hosted teachers and administrative district staff on August 19th for their annual "Back to School Rally," held at Grace Community Church. The rally was held in celebration for starting the 2009-2010 school year and for the outstanding ratings the district received last month from the Texas Education Agency.

CCISD prides themselves as "leading the way" in education in the 21st century. Committed to *courage*, *collaboration*, *innovation* and *self direction*, CCISD paves the way for success in a changing global and competitive world.

Council Member Sullivan attended the rally along with Senator Jackson, Rep. Davis and Rep. Taylor.



Rep. John Davis, Rep. Larry Taylor, Dr. Greg Smith, Council Member Sullivan and Senator Mike Jackson

BAHEP's Ellington Field Task Force Meeting



Base Commander COL Kenneth Wisian and Council Member Sullivan

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership hosted a briefing and tour to Houston Congressional Delegation at their Ellington Field Task Force breakfast and meeting. The meeting was held in support of joint military facilities, operations and training for a Joint Reserve Base.

Council Member Sullivan attended along with U.S. Congressman Pete Olson, Texas State Rep. Ken Legler and representatives from State Rep. John Davis and U.S. Congressman Ted Poe's offices.

Texas Comptroller Speaks to BAHEP Membership

Council Member Sullivan joined the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's Political Protocol Committee and other BAHEP members at the organization's monthly membership meeting hosting Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. Comptroller Combs spoke about "sustaining our economic momentum" to support a prosperous Texas. Combs says that while the rest of the country has been struggling through the slow economy, Texas has not been as hard-hit.

Texas Comptroller serves as the state's chief financial officer, treasurer, revenue estimator and tax collector.

City of Houston's B.O.P.A. Visits Clear Lake

Clear Lake citizens will have the opportunity to drop off hard to dispose of items such as batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze on Saturday, September 26th at the Ellington Field Recycling Drop Off Center from 10 am until 2 pm.

The Solid Waste Department asks that you please limit your load to one 5-gallon and ten 1-gallon paint cans, 5 gallons of used oil and 5 gallons of anti-freeze.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Houston's Household Hazardous Waste Information Line at 713.551.7355.

Project Updates

- Railroad crossings along Highway 3 at Clear Lake City Blvd., Pineloch and El Dorado have been repaired.
- Concrete repairs have been completed on all major Clear Lake area thoroughfares.
- \$250,000 in overtime has been designated for use by HPD Clear Lake substation.
- Ellington Airport has almost \$50 million dollars in military construction projects now underway.
- Council Member Sullivan received the Clear Lake traffic operations study draft. The final report should be ready by October 1, 2009.

USO Opens New Facility at Bush IAH

On September 1st, Council Member Sullivan attended the ribbon cutting of the United Service Organization's new 1,200 sq ft. facility located in Terminal D at Bush Intercontinental Airport.

On behalf of Mayor Bill White, Council Member Sullivan presented the USO with a proclamation, announcing September 1, 2009 as "Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport USO Center Day."

The new accommodations give active and retired service men and women and their families the opportunity to use the facility while traveling through Houston.



Council Member Sullivan, Gallery Furniture Owner Jim McIngvale and Houston Airport System Eric Potts

Hurricane Preparedness Reminder

It is always important to be prepared in case of a hurricane. As a friendly reminder, Council Member Sullivan recommends having a plan, having the appropriate items in an emergency supply kit and staying informed.

Get up to date information by signing up with the City of Houston's CitizensNet. Citizens receive timely information regarding evacuation routes and the paths of hurricanes. To sign up, please visit www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet.

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Keep up to date with what is going on all week in District E by following Council Member Sullivan on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Read about events, meetings and district and city news and view pictures from recent engagements Council Member Sullivan has attended.

Tell us what you think!

HPD Chief Harold Hurtt Visits the District E Office



Chief Hurtt and Council Member Sullivan

Chief Harold Hurtt of the Houston Police Department visited Council Member Sullivan on August 10th to see his Wall of Honor that displays HPD officers and HFD fire fighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Wall of Honor pays tribute to fallen HPD Officers Canales, Gryder and Abernathy, as well as HFD Firefighter Damion Hobbs and HFD Captain James Harlow.

Chief Hurtt thanked Council Member Sullivan for honoring the brave who have lost their lives protecting Houston.

HPD Chaplain Monty Montgomery Receives Proclamation

On Tuesday, August 19th, Council Member Sullivan presented HPD Chaplain Monty Montgomery with a proclamation during public session of City Council, declaring August 19, 2009 as "Chaplain Monty Montgomery Day."

Chaplain Montgomery devotes selfless service as Houston Police Department's chaplain, and delivers strength and support to the Houston Police Department and to the families and friends of officers in the direst time of need. He also ministers to retired officers and all HPD families.



Council Member Sullivan, Chaplain Montgomery and HPD Executive Assistant Chief C.A. McClelland

Houston Police Department Launches New Crime Website

In an effort to provide crime prevention awareness in Houston, the Houston Police Department has just launched an interactive website that highlights details and locations of Part One crimes. Citizens can find information regarding crime that occurred as recent as 24 hours or as far back as 30 days ago in their community.

Visit the website by going to mycity.houstontx.gov/crime.

District E Municipal Courts

District E has three Municipal Court locations where residents can take care of parking, traffic and non-traffic citation payments.

*Clear Lake Substation
2855 Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058

*Kingwood Municipal Court Annex
3915 Rustic Woods
Kingwood, TX 77339

Southeast Command Station
8300 Mykawa
Houston, TX 77048

**Parking citations can not be paid at that location. Only traffic and non-traffic citations can be paid.*

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